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Title : DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

      Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

      Please cancel claims 46, 47, 48 and 55. In order to more clearly describe the claimed invention, please amend the following claims: 1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 35, 37, 39 and 42, and add new claims 59, 60, 61 and 62.

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1.   [Amended] Data processing apparatus comprising:

      input means for receiving recognition data and corresponding audio data from a speech recognition engine, said recognition data including a string of recognized characters and audio identifiers identifying audio components corresponding to a character component of the recognized characters;

      storage means for storing said audio data received from said input means;

      processing means for receiving and processing the input recognized characters to at least one of replace, insert [and/or move characters in the recognized characters and/or to] move and position the recognized characters to form a processed character string;